Criteria for identification of sick PSUs

†1368. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have no criteria for identifying sick public sector undertakings for disinvestment;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government's views regarding the sick undertakings are doubtful and questionable;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that according to Government non-convertible, inactive and paid-up- liabilities are the main reasons for disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir. Disinvestment in PSUs is being done as per the declared policy of the Government, according to which government held equity in all non-strategic PSUs is to be brought down to 26% or lower, in the generality of cases. This policy is applicable to all non-strategic PSUs profit-making or loss-incurring.

Disinvestment of CMC

1369. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have disinvested 51 per cent of the equity of the C.M.C. Ltd. to Tata Sons despite the fact that the Company was financially sound; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have made advance commitment to Tata Sons to sell its remaining stake?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir. 50% Government holding in CMC Ltd. has been sold to the Strategic Partner, *i.e.* M/s. Tata Sons Limited. The disinvestment policy of the government is that, in generality of cases, Government will reduce its equity to 26% or below in central public sector undertakings operating in non- strategic areas. Decision to take up disinvestment is based on this policy of the Government and not on loss/profit of the concerned PSU.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The Agreements provide for the exercise of the Put Option by the Government and the Call Option by the Strategic Partner in the following manner.

Year after signing of Agreements	Put Option by Government	Call Option by the Strategic Partner
First Year	NIL	NIl
Second Year	upto 10% shares	Nil
Third Year	for some or all of the	remaining shares Nil
Fourth Year	Nil	all share held by the
Fifth Year	Nil	Government

The Call Option Price shall be higher of the Fair Value or the Market Value. The Put Option Price shall be the Fair Value Government shall also have the option to sell in the market after giving first right of refusal to the Strategic Partner. The clause has been provided to make avilable to the Govenrment an exit route. The Fair Value and the Market Value have been well defined under the agreements.

New Herbal Medicines

1370. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified different herbs and prepared formulations from their abstracts during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details of new herbal medicines which have introduced in the country during the last one year;

(c) whether the system of education in Ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathy has declined; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to promote these systems of medicines in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) Indian Council of Medical Research has undertaken